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### **AmerenUE To Provide Service To Noranda**

JEFFERSON CITY--The Missouri Public Service Commission has approved an agreement which authorizes AmerenUE to provide electric service to the aluminum smelting plant operated by Noranda Aluminum, Inc. in New Madrid County. This extends AmerenUE's current service area in New Madrid County.

The agreement was submitted by the PSC Staff, AmerenUE, the Office of the Public Counsel, Noranda Aluminum, Inc., the Missouri Industrial Energy Consumers and the Missouri Energy Group.

Noranda's current power supply contract expires on May 31, 2005. Noranda requested that AmerenUE provide electric service to meet its electric power and energy needs for a minimum of 15 years, beginning on June 1, 2005. AmerenUE would supply power to Noranda over existing facilities.

The agreement provides that Noranda will be served under a large transmission service (LTS) tariff. That tariff, and the terms under which service is provided to Noranda, are subject to review in AmerenUE's next rate case or complaint case.

"The Commission has considered UE's application, the Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement, and Staff's (PSC Staff) Suggestions. The Commission is of the opinion that the requested extension of UE's service area is necessary and convenient for the public service and should be granted," the Commission said.